



"HERE, PUSS, PUSS!"

I love little pussy,
His coat is so warm,
And if I don't hurt him,
He'll do me no harm.

So I'll not pull his tail, Or drive him away; But pussy and I Very gently will play.



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"What Fools These Mortals Be!"

On't get warm in the sub-collar region because the Standard Oil Company "of Indiana" is in a trifling sum like—well, you've heard the amount mentioned. Notwithstanding the temporary triumph of the defendants, the reversal of Judge Landis' decision was a good thing. It emphasized anew, and most impressively, the gap between law and justice in this country. The protection afforded to offenders by "the letter of the law" was shown once again. Had the judgment of the lower court been approved, even if the colossal fine had been paid, the influence for ultimate good would have been less, we think, than that now growing from the reversal. A fine imposed by a court is supposed to be a punishment, but not even a fine of \$29,000,000 would be a punishment to Standard Oil. A punishment, to be

effective, must reach individuals, the man or men who are responsible for wrong-doing.

They should be tried and if convicted, they should be made to There should be no alternative fine, to be paid out of the stockholders' pockets. President Roosevelt has been severely criticised because with all his efforts he was unable to land "one really responsible man" in jail, but the President was not to blame. He has shown us the difficulty, if not the impossibility, of punishing big offenders with past-day laws. It is like trying to stop a locomotive with a lar-That difficulty, if not impossibility, the case of the Standard Oil fine amply illustrates, and it will hasten the day when "lariat law" will be supplanted by something more effective. As has been truly said, guilt is always personal, and until punishment is equally personal, cor-porate crimes will go arrogantly on. Law must keep pace with offenses against it.

When the planet Neptune was discovered in 1846, it was a nice point whether Challis or Galle was entitled to the credit. Another pretty problem has arisen: this year's "new idea" at Newport is to walk in bathing dresses from house to beach, and whether Miss Emily Redmond or Mrs. Eugene Hale, Jr., first thought of it is in dispute.

George Waring, dead these many years, is remembered, and will be remembered for a long time to come, as the man who actually cleaned the streets of Gotham. If Mr. Bingham will actually suppress the needless noises of the Metropolis he will run Waring a good race for comparative immortality. But something more than one general order will be required. Rome was not built in a day,

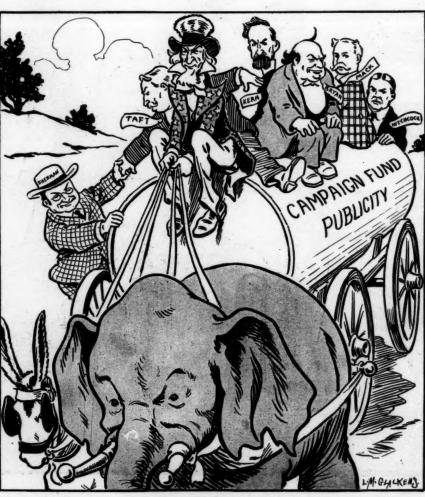
and Bedlam is not to be quieted in twentyfour hours or weeks.

for the foes of Imperialism when the President's "yacht", Mayflower, was ordered to Haiti on gunboat duty. We sympathize with them in the loss of one of their favorite grievances.

THE WIFE of the Democratic candidate for Vice-President explains why she is a baseball fan. Fans have cut quite a figure in political history, but they were the sort used by Madame de Pompadour.

MACK versus Hitchcock! The Republican party certainly has the call on brains and efficiency.

The sad news comes from Berlin that the waltz is threatened with extinction. A deserved extinction, we may add. The "Merry Widow" is to blame.



"ON THE WAGON."

NO BUTTING-IN.

A VALUABLE HINT TO SUMMER HOTEL PROPRIETORS.



HOTEL CLERK (to Summer man).—Sorry, sir, number seven is occupied this morning, and so is number nine, but number five, on the knoll, isn't taken yet. Two hours? One dollar, Thank you.



WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT.

SOME OBVIOUS REMARKS.

(Always Made to Actors.)

You must get so tired of playing the same old part. But then I suppose each new audience is an incentive.

I don't believe actors and actresses are half so bad as people think they are.

If I were on the stage, I'd rather have a small part with some big star than be the whole show in a cheap company.

It's perfectly wonderful how Lillian Russell keeps her looks. Why, off the stage she's just as beautiful as she is on it.

They say a stock company is such good training—almost all our well-known actors had to go through their apprenticeship. It's just like—anything else in this world—you have to work hard if you want to succeed.

Personally, I never had any difficulty in understanding every word Mrs. Fiske says. I think she's fascinating—so much magnetism; but some people can't bear her. Her "Tess" was wonderful, but she wasn't Hardy's "Tess" at all.

If you once get the dead-head habit you never get over it.

I should think you'd never want to go to the theatre when you're not playing yourself; you must get so sick of it.

It must be a terrible expense to put on a comic opera; and then if it fails, just think of the money that's lost!

Even the best actors go into vaudeville nowadays—there's so much in it.

It's too bad Weber and Fields split up—neither of them has been half so funny since they separated. Charles Hanson Towne.

THERE ARE things which you can't get for love or money. They are substantially the same things which you can't get for money.



THE SAME THING.

The Rustic held the flask to the light.

"Thou sayest," quoth he in wonder, "that a few drops of this golden liquid mean eternal life?"

"I said," replied the Aged Alchemist, "that thou would'st live until the Tariff was revised by its friends."

One objection some people have to getting back to nature is that nature is so poorly equipped with push buttons.

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WHY GET WRITER'S CRAMP,

WHEN YOU CAN FILL IN THE BLANKS? GET A PAD OF 'EM, GIRLS, BEFORE GOING ON YOUR VACATION.

THE NON-GAMBLERS.

(After her luncheon Mrs. Erie has seated her three guests on the veranda at a bridge table.)

RS. LACKAWANNA (recklessly). — Oh, let's play for a stake, like the men do, and have some fun.

MRS. DELAWARE \ (virtuously).—We wouldn't MRS. WESTERN \ \ \ play for money.

MRS. L.—But you play with your husbands when they-

MRS. DEL .- They carry us. MRS. WEST. - We're not responsible for their

gambling.

MRS. L.—I believe you're all afraid of losing.

MRS. E. (laughing).—Oh, I'm rich! Tom bought some stock for me on a margin and made two hundred dollars. But I wouldn't play for money.

MRS. DEL.-I wouldn't mind losing, I think. Anyhow Jack keeps a regular currency bridge reserve in his bureau, and I could

draw on that. No, it's a matter of principle with me.

Mrs. West.— Well, I admit my poverty. I spent all my allowance and income and everything else at the lawn fete buying chances in that old automobile. And I didn't come anywhere near the

MRS. L. (resignedly).- Very well. But I should think you'd

get tired playing this old game over and over.

Mrs. E. (doubtfully).—Some girls play for stamps. But I should be inclined to consider that cent stamp a point. merely a subterfuge.

MRS. DEL. (dogmatically).—Playing for stamps isn't playing for money. I've done that.

MRS. L .- Too high stakes for me! By the way, how do you arrange at your clubs in the winter out here?

MRS. E .- We play only for prizes. MRS. WEST .- Everybody pays two dollars dues each meeting,

and the highest score gets a present worth three-quarters of the amount, and next one the other quarter. HE STROVE TO PLEASE.

MRS. L .- Do you always get things you want?

MRS. DEL. - Hardly ever. we return them to the store and have our accounts credited.

MRS. L .- Let's make up a club and

have a meeting now. MRS. E. But we couldn't get a prize in time.

MRS. L .- We could all pay our dues for this meeting, and the highest score could buy her own prize with the money.

MRS. WEST .- But she would have to

take the money herself.

Mrs. L.—I'll tell you what: we'll elect a treasurer who'll collect the dues now, and buy the prize to-morrow. Then she'll give it to the winner, and she can change it

MRS. WEST. \(\) (delightedly).—Why, MRS. Del. \(\) that's perfectly splendid! MRS. E.—Let's have the dues five dollars each.

MRS. WEST.) (enthusiasticalby).—Allright!
Come ahead. MRS. DEL. MRS. L. (reluctantly) .- Well, that's a good deal higher than I wanted to play, but still, if

you say so —

(And the tense silence begins.) Layton Brewer.

EFFORT WASTED.

NARCHIST .- Shall we dy-A namite the candidate when he arrives?

CHIEF.—Why should we mix our-selves up in it? The citizens are going to give him a home-coming.

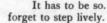
OBSTINATE.

TAKING the Socialist's word for it that his manner of doing things would make the world a paradise, what disposition is to be made of the doubt as to a paradise being just the place for such as we to live in?

Undeniably, as the cult maintain, we waste a great deal of effort in our struggle for existence, - provided we

admit that existence and not struggle is what we are here for. It's easy figuring that with every man assured of his job and his wage and all things needful at cost, the sum total of human happiness would be mightily boosted, - and still Evolution is obstinate enough to be less interested in human happiness than in human achievement.

"Life," observes Schopenhauer, "is walking on red-hot iron, with here and there a cool spot. Otherwise we should It has to be so.





all 'round!

about?

the job!

WORTH HUMORING.

-Sawdust and milk crust! Adam and Eve on a raft and wreck 'em! On the

canteloupe! Draw one! Make it three

MR. TOWNLEY. - Great, - e-e-r, how

-pardon me, old chap, but what's it all

MR. SUBBERTON .- 'Sh! We've got a

former restaurant cook - a peach ! - and

we have to order that way to keep her on

Ramsey Benson.

MR. SUBBERTON (yelling to kitchen).

A BOU BEN ADHEM! May his tribe increase! It's doubtful, though, in times like these, With all the women trying hard to be Most everything excepting, as you see, The very thing to be which only they Have any sort of chance to know the way. True, these ideals civilization teaches, And if it's rather long before this reaches Sabæan scented Araby, why then There'll be some show for the tribe of Abou Ben.

S NEARLY as can be differentiated, a job is A where a man does most of the work and somebody else gets most of the pay, and a position is where a man gets most of the pay and somebody else does most of the work.



"Hello, Jones! What d'yer wanter wear whiskers for in hot weather like this?'



"Ha, Ha! Jones has cut his whiskers



"Ha, Ha! Jones is letting his whiskers grow again!"



JONES .- Now I'll do what I like with my

"IS IT HOT ENOUGH FOR YOU?"

HE HAD THE SUMMER HABIT, AND HE HONESTLY TRIED TO BREAK HIMSELF OF IT, BUT ALAS! ---!



HIS FIRST AT



HIS SECOND ATTEMP



HIS THIRD ATTEMPT.

A MODERN MAUD.

MAUD MULLER carried the plates away, And swept the cloth with a silver tray.

The Judge looked up from his seventh course, And paused in the praise of his saddle horse,

To feast his eyes on the blush and charm Of her girlish face and her snowy arm.

> He turned to his host, and he archly said: "Who is your pretty serving maid?"

And his host, polite as a host should be, "That is my daughter, Judge," said he.

"Since I went broke in the bucket shop, She brews my tea and fries my chop,

"She turns the buckwheat cake for me, And my steak and chicken fricasee,

"Saving the erstwhile plunks I paid To butler, chef and serving maid."

After cigars and chat were o'er. The Judge he lingered at the door,

And for a last dessert essayed To kiss the hand of the serving maid,

Whispering low: "Of the whole repast The sweetest course was the very last!"

A year went by, and the poor old jay Who entertained the Judge that day

Was out of the Sheriff's hands for good -(The neighbors never understood

Just where he gathered the gold that set Him up again, and out of debt).

Forsooth he knew-for the price he paid Was the loss of his little serving maid.

The plunks rolled in from his bucket shop; But the hand that had browned his morning chop

Now turned the leg of lamb to brown, Poured out the tea, and set her down

To feasts of pastry, meat and fudge, And fine desserts - with the jolly Judge -

Just as the plans had all been laid By the father of the little maid,

When he told Maud Muller she should play The serving maid to the Judge that day!

Aloysius Coll.

OLD AND NEW.

THE Sea Serpent drew up in a sheltered cove just as the Centaur came down for a mouthful of salt air.

They regarded each other curiously.

"You are extremely disappointing!" declared the Centaur, at length.

That was pretty pointed, to be sure, but the Sea Serpent kept his temper. "How so, his temper. "Ho pray?" he asked.

"Institute any candid comparison between you and me," replied the Centaur, with more than a touch of bitterness, "and say, if you

HIS LAST ATTEMPT TO KEEP FROM SAYING IT.

can, that supernature-faking, as an art, has progressed in 3,000 years!"

And still the Sea Serpent maintained the air of good humor, though his amour propre was undeniably wounded.

MYRTLE.—My fiancé has such lovely grey hair. GLADYS.—Your tastes seem to be similar.



For Bill: am sleeping under blankete svery night. POST MORTEM POSTCARDS. - VI.

As a nation we probably carry more continued stories in our heads than any people in history.



A QUESTION OF ACCENT.

THERE is in the following specimen of the Limerick an austere restraint, a terrible crispness, that reminds us irresistibly of Tacitus:

There was an old Miss of Antrim
Who looked for the leak with a glim.
Alack and alas!

The cause was the gas.

We will now sing the fifty-fourth hymn-The New York Evening Post.

The only trouble is that if Tacitus had written verse he would have got his quantities right.—The New York Evening Sun.

Just to make sure we called up Tacitus on the long-distance spirit phone, Mr. Hamlin Garland kindly consenting to act as psychic "central." Tacitus responded with the following:

A milliner lady of Antrim
Said, "Show me the hat that I can't trim."

When they showed her the lid Of a merry grass wid.

Of a merry grass wid.

She flew in a terrible tantrum.

It will be observed that the quantity is right, but the quality shows the usual falling off in the case of great writers who have joined the shadow band.



PRIVATE RIGHT OF WAY.

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SWEET REVENGE.

MRS. SHOPPER (after inspecting everything in the store).—I don't see anything here that suits me. I suppose I may as well go down to Stacys and see what they have. They usually have a good assortment.

SALESMAN.—Here's a card of one of their salesmen, won't you kindly ask for him?

MRS. SHOPPER.—Ah! A friend of yours I presume. SALESMAN.—No, madam; he has owed me ten dollars for the past three years.

A MAN IS as old as he is pleased to be told he looks young.



INFLATED.

NURSE (to ditto). — Fat? Sure, it ain't fat, it's wind; yer see, the poor dear was brought up on one o' them pnoomatic breast-forms.

THE CREED OF THEODORE.

HERE's the long and short of it: Shall we play the part of meek? Shall we, slapped on cheek, submit T'other cheek?

If the Christian we essay Why a navy for defense? Throw our ships and guns away— Save expense.

Put away all bluff and brag; Role of warrior disclaim. That, or — by the Starry Flag — Play the game!

> Launch the fleet as shaft from bow: Truce to fiddling fence and guard! Deal destruction at a blow— Hammer hard!

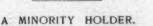
Peace our wish: not sword, but plough.

Warfare is a thing accurst.

BUT—if someone hunts a row

Hit him first!

B. L. T.



CLARA.—Why are you always complaining because I have other callers. You didn't suppose I would cease to be attractive just because we became engaged, did you?

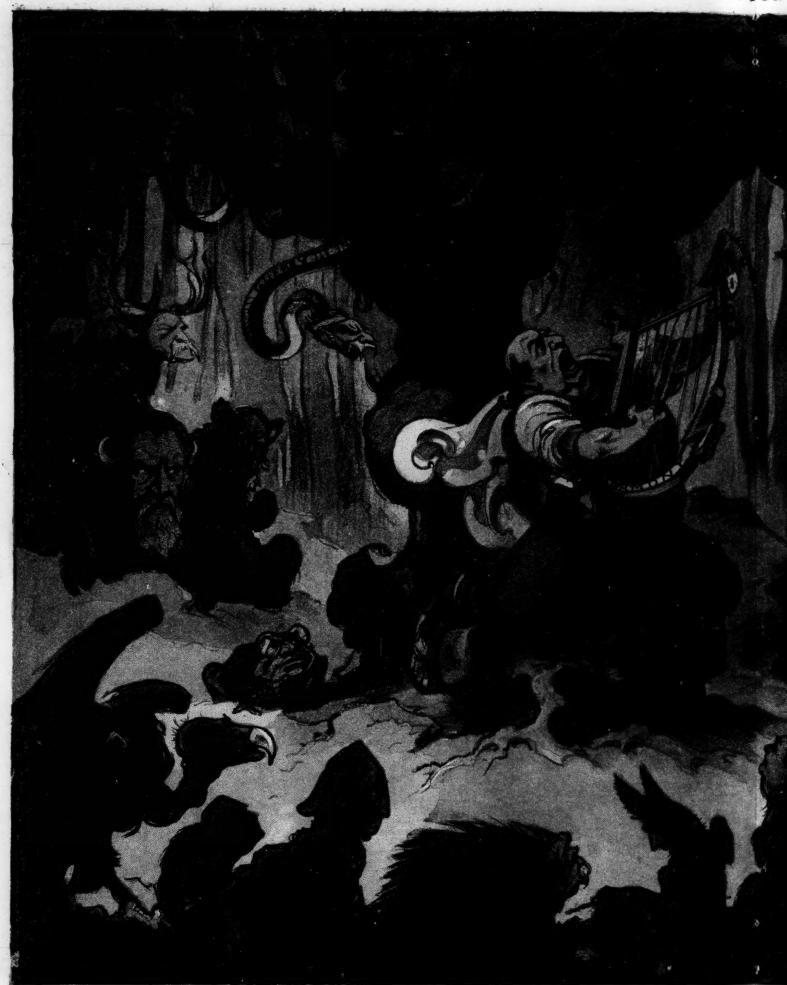
George.—No, not exactly; but I did not understand that I was only a member of an underwriting syndicate.

PRIDE OF ANCESTRY.

A "See that female coming yonder, with the grand air? She's a colonial dame?"

"A which?"

"A colonial dame. Her ancestors were among the first thirteen colonies of bacteria in American drinking-water."



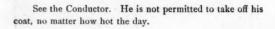
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Now see the Superintendent, the man who gives the Conductor his orders. He is a strict disciplinarian.

ST. JEKYLL & HYDE'S.

(In the Committee Room. An informal meeting is being held by two Vestrymen, the Rector and a Curate.)

> URATE (worriedly) .- But this report says that the conditions in all our properties are very bad. There have been twenty cases of tuberculosis in one house

> FIRST VESTRYMAN (impatiently) .- That tenement paid one hundred per cent last year.

> CURATE (earnestly).—But they claim that a comparatively small outlay will make it habitable—

SECOND VESTRYMAN (indignantly).—Habitable! If it wasn't habitable people couldn't live in it. But people do live in it! (He turns to the rector, having closed the subject.) The music last Sunday was inspiring. It gave me a great spiritual uplift.

RECTOR .- You make me very glad. Others must have experienced it also. That shows the infinite wisdom which dictated our stewardship. (He tries to suppress with a glare further out-

breaks from the curate.) FIRST VESTRYMAN (complacently) .-And our babies' outing was the usual success, I suppose?

RECTOR (enthusiastically) .-We took thousands. We saved a hundred lives, I dare state. We laid seeds for the love of beauty in breasts otherwise sterile.

CURATE (still muliing over report).— They say that five hundred of our tenants go to bed every night certain of death if a fire-

FIRST VESTRYMAN (angrily). - And life insurance is cheap, while the fire insurance we have to buy goes higher every year. Who gets the best of that?

SECOND VESTRYMAN.—And won't you understand that our cheap rents are the only things that keep those people alive at all? They'd have to go without shelter if they couldn't buy ours, because it's the cheapest to be had.

CURATE. - But couldn't we give them better quarters at the same rental, and get along on a little less income?

RECTOR (aghast).—And diminish the majesty of our service! Curtail our music! That would be to rob the source whence it all came!

SECOND VESTRYMAN. - Reduce our magnificent charities!

What a misery our young hot-head here would produce. FIRST VESTRYMAN. - Yet there is one economy I can suggest.

CURATE (eagerly) .- What's that, sir?

FIRST VESTRYMAN .- Drop one curate from the rolls. (Which suggestion is put into effect.)

THE LAW IN HIS FAVOR.

REENE (meeting friend at race-track). - By the way, Brown, G could you hand me that ten-spot you borrowed six months

Brown.—Great Hughes! And run chances of having us both arrested for violating the anti-gambling law? NEVER!

HEALTH.

THE practice of invariably chewing everything forty-seven times before swallowing it not only restored the rich man's health but

saved his soul as well. For one day, in the regular course of business, he strained at

a gnat and swallowed a camel. And the camel, having been chewed forty-seven times, was fit to pass through the eye of a needle. So that the rich man was able to enter the kingdom of heaven, after all.

Unfortunately the comfort U afforded by the thought of the fellows who have to work harder than you do is vitiated by the thought of the fellows who do not have to work at all.



PERPETUAL MOTION.

fustice must be an awfully long-waisted goddess, if we may judge from the length of legal "stays."



Major General Butnam, N. S. A.

HE hero of Bunker Hill—who first marshaled the Riflemen of the Revolution—and left his plow standing in the furrow to hoist the banner of defiance against legislative oppression! Who has not heard of him?

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"History repeats itself."

"So does Humor occasionally, I notice," responded the party of the second part. - Kansas City Journal.



THE BARN IN THE RAIN.

Gray barn and draggled meadow, Blurred green of grass and leaves, The sky an awful shadow, For on her gray face weaves

The rain with silver threads, That fleck the muddy puddle, That rattle on the sheds Where the cold cattle huddle!

Then oh, the haymow soft
And deep and dark and warm,
On sweet hay piled aloft—
While overhead the Storm

Sweeps the wet shingles, drips At eaves, makes music wild— We listen: the soul slips Years back and is a child.

Somehow as at the start We turn from Life's hot foam, Get in the World's warm heart, Yea, make Earth's heart our home!

And lie there warm, secure, Yea, as a child of five, Heart cleansed, serene and pure And glad to be alive.

- Woman's Home Companion.

Too Early for Them.

Adam looked up at his life partner. 'Noticed any caterpillars in the apple tree yet?" he asked.
"No," she answered.

"I'll go out an' look it over," he muttered. When he came back he shook his head. "Guess they ain't been created yet," he said.— Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Mr. La Follette's physical condition may prevent his taking any active part in the campaign, though he is not seriously ill. Since the impression has gone abroad that he pronounces his name "Law-fo-lay," seems to have lost some interest in the game. - Washington Herald.



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Must revive him again
In the noon of the year.

'Tis the noon of the year.
Come, be one with it, sweet!
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JUDGE PARKER can swim around in the river at Esopus this summer without even scaring the fish, we imagine.

- Washington Herald.

Mr. DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEROME and Hon. "Jeff" Davis, of Arkansas, appear to agree, to all intents and purposes, as to the honesty and effectiveness of the American press. The press, too, is something of a unit in its opinion as to the District Attorney and the Senator. - Washington Herald.

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